

Proposed Amendment to claim 1

1. (Previously Presented) A method for allowing instant messaging between ~~In an instant messaging system providing instant message communication between computers,~~ a multi-user computer and an instant messaging device ~~instant messaging method,~~ comprising the steps of:

receiving first login information from a first user of the multi-user computer by an instant messaging system;

receiving second login information from a second user of the multi-user computer by the instant messaging system while the first user is logged in; providing plural concurrent instant message user logins on a multi-user computer, at least one of the plural concurrent logins is by a first user and at least one of the plural concurrent logins is by a second user, one of the plural concurrent instant message user logins being a registered buddy of a user of a second computer; and

providing an indication to the instant messaging device to the second computer an indication that the registered buddy is one of plural concurrent instant message user logins on a multi-user computer that the first user and the second user are logged into the instant message system together through the multi-user computer.

1. A method for allowing instant messaging between a multi-user computer and an instant messaging device, comprising the steps of:

receiving first login information from a first user of the multi-user computer by an instant messaging system;

receiving second login information from a second user of the multi-user computer by the instant messaging system while the first user is logged in; and

providing an indication to the instant messaging device that the first user and the second user are logged into the instant message system together through the multi-user computer.